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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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TAGS: EAID OTRA

SUBJECT: NBC TV NEWS TEAM IN MAURITANIA

REF: DAKAR 3058

1. LIZ TROTTA AND THREE MAN FILM CREW ARRIVED MAURITANIA JUNE 6 FOR FOUR DAYS, VISITING CAPITAL OF NOUAKCHOTT AND DROUGHT AFFECTED TOWN OF BOUTILIMIT.
2. TROTTA SAID NBC INVITED BY UNICEF WHICH MADE ALL TRAVEL AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS HERE AND PRESUMABLY ELSEWHERE. NETWORK PLANS PRODUCE NEWS CLIPS ON SAHELIAN DROUGHT FOR "NBC NIGHTLY NEWS" PROGRAM FEATURING ONE SAHELIAN COUNTRY PER PROGRAM. IF VIEWER INTEREST SUFFICIENT NBC WILL PRODUCE HOUR LONG SPECIAL COVERING DROUGHT IN DEPTH USING REMAINING FOOTAGE.
3. DURING 2 HOUR EMBASSY BRIEFING REQUESTED BY HER TROTTA ADMITTED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, ASKED EMBASSY ADVICE AND SEEMED HAVE OPEN MIND. SHE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN STATISTICS

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ON US ASSISTANCE HOWEVER THRUST OF HER QUESTIONS SHOWED SHE

HAD READ "DISASTER IN THE DESERT."

4. TROTTA'S STAND UP COMMENTARY AT NOMAD CAMP NEAR  
NOUAKCHOTT CONSISTED OF STANDARD REPORT ON LENGTH OF DROUGHT,  
DEATH OF LIVESTOCK AND SPECULATION ON WHETHER NOMADIC WAY  
OF LIFE HAS BEEN DESTROYED FOREVER.  
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